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Remarks

In view of the Amendment to the claims, Applicants believe that a restriction of the claims to Group I, an article classified in Class 2, 604, 428, or 36 and Group II, an article classified in class 442 or 428, is now moot. For the sake of advancing prosecution, however, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute new claims 24 – 38, which correspond in subject matter to cancelled claims 1-13 of Group I. The new claims elect disclosed species of original claim 2, where polymer fibers are at least partially melted and resolidified into or onto the latex substrate.

This election is made without traverse. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application.

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